

# MODERNA COVID-19 POST VACCINATION

## Patient Information Guide

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### How does the vaccine work?

The **COVID-19 Vaccine** works by making your immune system think that the virus that causes COVID-19 has entered your body, causing your body to produce an army of molecules called antibodies to stop the infection. **The vaccine has been tested, does not contain live virus, and does not affect or interact with your DNA. It is safe and effective.** You cannot get COVID-19 or full symptoms of COVID-19 from the vaccine. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Drug Authorization (EUA) for the vaccine on December 18th, 2020 for people aged 18 year and older.

### What are the steps of getting the vaccine?

You will need 2 separate injections in your arm 4 weeks apart to be fully vaccinated.

**Step 1:** Get the first dose (today)

**Step 2:** Wait 4 weeks

**Step 3:** Get the 2nd dose of the same vaccine

### How will I feel after I get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine, like other vaccines, causes side effects for some people. The most common side effects of the vaccine are mild and usually do not last more than 1–2 days. Redness and/or pain at the injection site is the most common side effect. Side effects are more likely to occur after the 2nd dose of the vaccine. Other side effects are:

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle Pain
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Joint Pain

### If you have any of the following symptoms, you should alert an officer:

- Fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher
- Symptoms from the above list that last more than 3 days
- Symptoms from the list below are NOT from the vaccine. If you have any of the symptoms listed below, you might have COVID-19 or another infection:
  - » Cough
  - » Shortness of breath
  - » Runny nose
  - » Sore throat
  - » Loss of taste or smell